UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

THE TORO COMPANY,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) No. 1:18-cv-03026-WTL-DLP
MATTHEW P. SMITH,)
MICHAEL D. FLOYD,)
R. SCOT JONES,)
BRENT A. MILLS,)
CRAIG M. CONYER,	
JAMES W. KEPNER,)
STEEL GREEN MANUFACTURING LLC,)
)
Defendants.)

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Defendants' Motion to Compel (Dkt. 65). The Motion was referred to the undersigned for ruling and, for the reasons set forth below, is hereby **DENIED**.

The Defendants filed their Motion to Compel on January 11, 2019, wherein they request that the Court order Plaintiff, The Toro Company ("Toro"), to supplement its discovery responses "to specify the trade secrets that are the subject of this injunction proceeding." [Dkt. 66.] The Plaintiff filed a response on January 14, 2019, arguing that it had provided sufficient information at this preliminary injunction stage of the proceedings. The parties further discussed the motion during the January 16, 2019 status conference.

In order for Plaintiff to prevail on its misappropriation claims, it must

identify its trade secrets and prove that they exist. Amoco Prod. Co. v. Laird, 622

N.E.2d 912, 920 (Ind. 1993). However, the Defendants do not direct the Court to any

scenario where this Court has required a plaintiff to meet this burden in an

organized fashion during the discovery phase of litigation. Additionally, Defendants'

Motion does not allege that Plaintiff has not complied with its obligations under the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Therefore, the Court finds that the Plaintiff has

adequately identified its trade secrets at this stage of the litigation.

Moreover, discovery supplementation is only required "if the additional or

corrective information has not otherwise been made known to the other parties

during the discovery process or in writing." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1)(A) (emphasis

added). Plaintiff satisfied its burden of discovery supplementation through a

writing, namely the Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

The Plaintiff requested attorney's fees and costs for having to respond to

the Motion to Compel. [Dkt. 69]. This request is **DENIED**.

So ORDERED.

Date: 2/28/2019

Doris L. Pryor

United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of Indiana

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